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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 13-19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-12 and 20-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Prosecution Application

1. The request filed on 03/04/04 for a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 07/771292 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.
2. Claims 1-24 are pending in this application.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 03/04/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicant argues "nothing in Pereira suggests criteria or a threshold that account for space specifically available to identify a threshold number of transactions as claimed."

The examiner disagrees with the above argument. There is not a different in the concept between the Pereira and the recited claim. Pereira's invention to insert the row based on the space available in the block (condition), it is the similar concept as to present invention to insert the row based on the number of the transactions (condition). Therefore, is not a different in the conceptual examination process, unless the applicant(s) prove that the conceptual is different.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-7 and 13-18 are allowed over prior art made of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of known prior art alone or in combination do not teach nor suggest "a method of

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modifying data in a database system, the method comprising the steps of:
constructing work granules that manipulate rows in a manner that groups the rows with in said work granules according to logical storage units that contain the rows; and during execution by an entity of a particular work granule that involves manipulation operations for rows in a logical storage unit: causing said entity to perform said manipulation operations for rows completely contained in said logical unit; determining that set of spanning rows that are partially contained in said logical storage unit satisfy a particular condition that relates to which portion of each spanning row of said set of spanning rows resides in said logical unit; and in response to said determining that a set of spanning rows satisfy a particular condition, causing said entity to perform said manipulating operations for all pieces of all spanning rows in said set of spanning rows."

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Baoquoc N. To whose telephone number is (703) 305-1949 or via e-mail BaoquocN.To@uspto.gov. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached at (703) 305-9790.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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